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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN HIJACKERS

REF: AMMAN 6863

1. SINCE HIJACKERS DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW AFTER ARRIVING IN BENGHAZI, THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC MENTION OF THEM HERE, EXCEPT FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT THEY HAD REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM, AND QASHAFI'S FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO THEM IN SPEECH NOV. 10 (TRIPOLI 1206).

2. OUR FEELING, FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE, IS THAT LIBYANS HAVE MUZZLED HIJACKERS FOR FEAR OF ENCOURAGING SIMILAR ACTS OF AIR PIRACY. LIBYA ADHERES TO

MONTREAL AIR SECURITY CONVENTION LAST FEBRUARY, AND PROBABLY HAS NO WISH TO BECOME THE CUBA OF MIDDLE EAST. AT SAME TIME, LIBYANS COULD HARDLY RETURN SUCH IDEOLOGICALLY CONGENIAL CRIMINALS AS HIJACKERS SEEM TO BE TO "AGENT KING" IN JORDAN, SO THEY HAVE ADOPTED MIDDLE COURSE OF GRANTING THEM

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REFUGE, KEEPING DECISION SECRET, AND GIVING THEM

NO PUBLICITY.

3. WE DOUBT, WITH EMBASSY AMMAN THAT LIBYANS WERE
INFORMED OF OPERATION IN ADVANCE. HEAD OF
JORDANIAN INTERESTS SECTION HERE HAS RECEIVED NO
INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING HIJAI ERS, AND SEEMS TO
KNOW LESS ABOUT AFFAIR THAN WE DO.
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